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fun to read together

Slowcoach!

1. Bill and Ben, the Saddle-tank engine twins, were taking a heavy load of china clay to the Big Harbour. On the way, they had to stop and wait at a level-crossing.

2. Caroline the Car came motoring over it at a snail's pace. "What a slowcoach," Bill teased her, cheekily. "If you go much slower, you'll never get anywhere at all!"

3. "Neither will we," added Ben, playfully. "Oh, dear! I'm very sorry," called chug-chug-chugging Caroline. "I don't mean to delay you. I'm going as fast as I can."

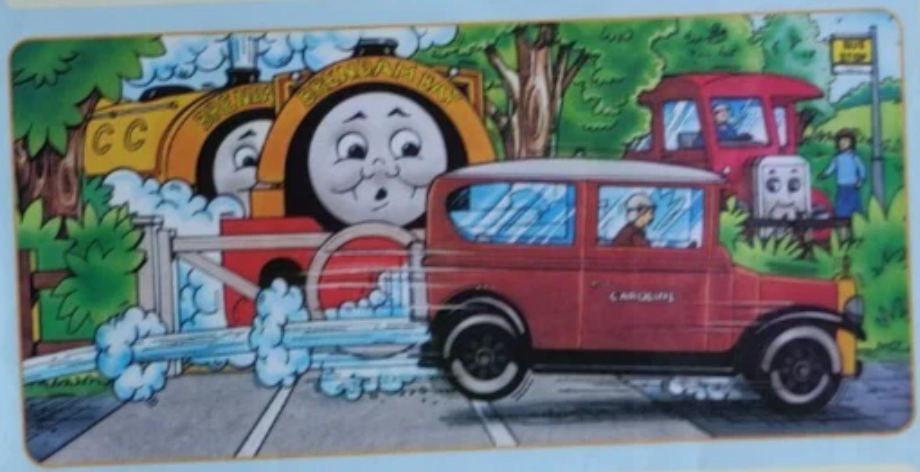
4. Just then, Bertie the Bus came motoring along, carrying lots of passengers. He followed Caroline onto the crossing. The road was too narrow for him to overtake.

5. Bertie had to follow Caroline along the winding country lanes for mile after mile. "Beep! Beep!" he tooted. "Excuse me, Caroline. But I'm in a hurry," he called.

6. However, there was nowhere for Caroline to pull in and let Bertie through. She tried her best to go faster. But Caroline soon felt her motor start to overheat.

7. Suddenly, steam began to gush from her radiator so Caroline had to stop. Bertie did, too. His driver helped push Caroline safely into a layby.

8. "Don't worry. We'll alert the garage at the next town," shouted Bertie kindly when he drove off. Finally, a breakdown lorry arrived to tow Caroline away.

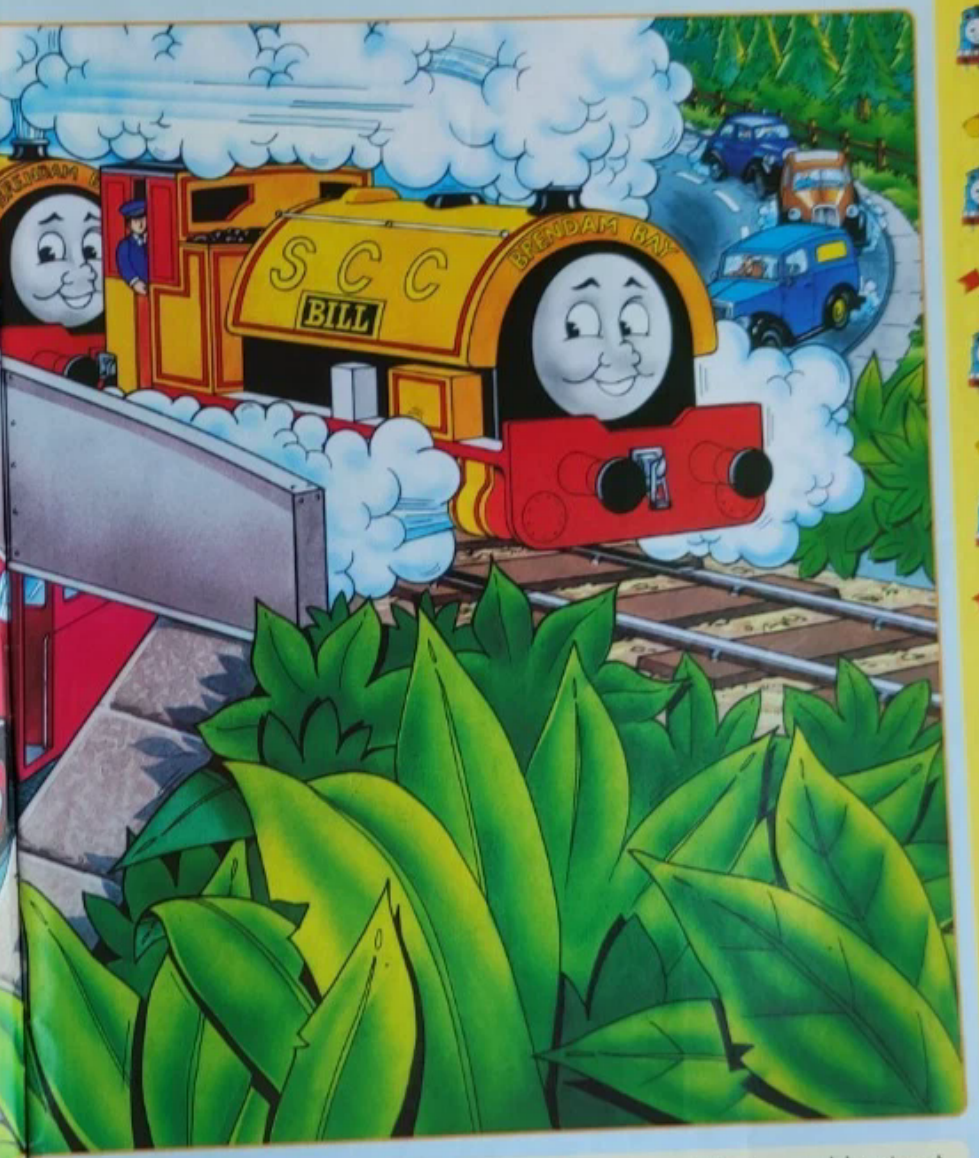


9. A few days later, Bertie was pulling into a bus stop when Caroline went rushing past him. VROOOM! Bertie could hardly believe his eyes.

10. "Hey! Look out, Caroline," he shouted, "or you'll break the speed limit!" Next moment, she hurtled over the level-crossing where Bill and Ben waited again.

11. The twins were really shocked. "Caroline's like a racing car!" gasped Bill. "I've had a new motor fitted so I won't slow anyone down," called Caroline.

12. No sooner had she spoken when Caroline sped into a bend. But the road was slippery. There came the screech of tyres as Caroline skidded into a ditch.



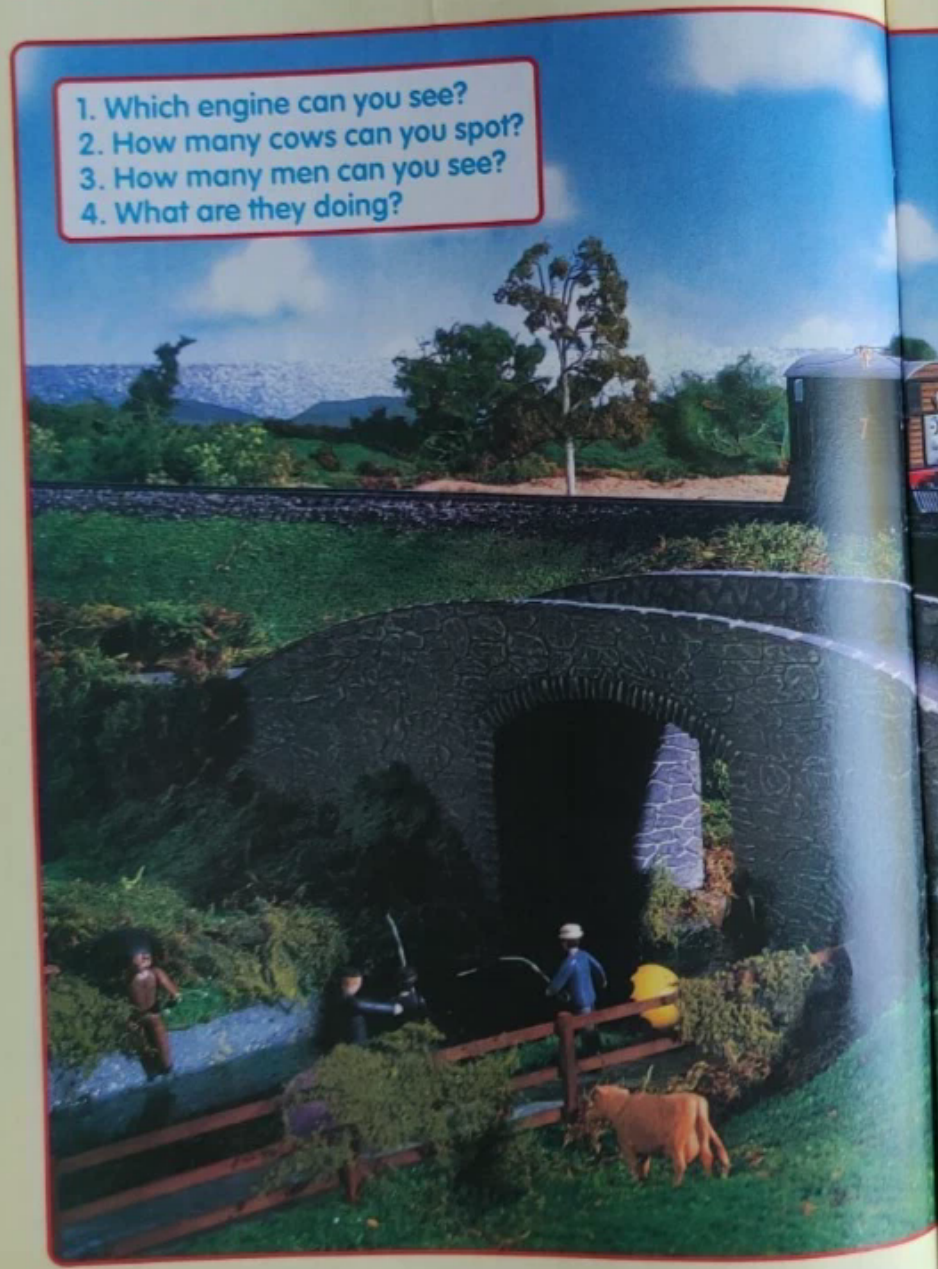
13. Caroline had to be taken back to the garage. Afterwards, she motored more steadily than ever. "At least slow means safe," agreed Bill and Ben.

14. As usual, Bertie could not get past Caroline. "Please get a move on!" he cried. "I've had my old engine put back," Caroline smiled. "Being a slowcoach is best!"

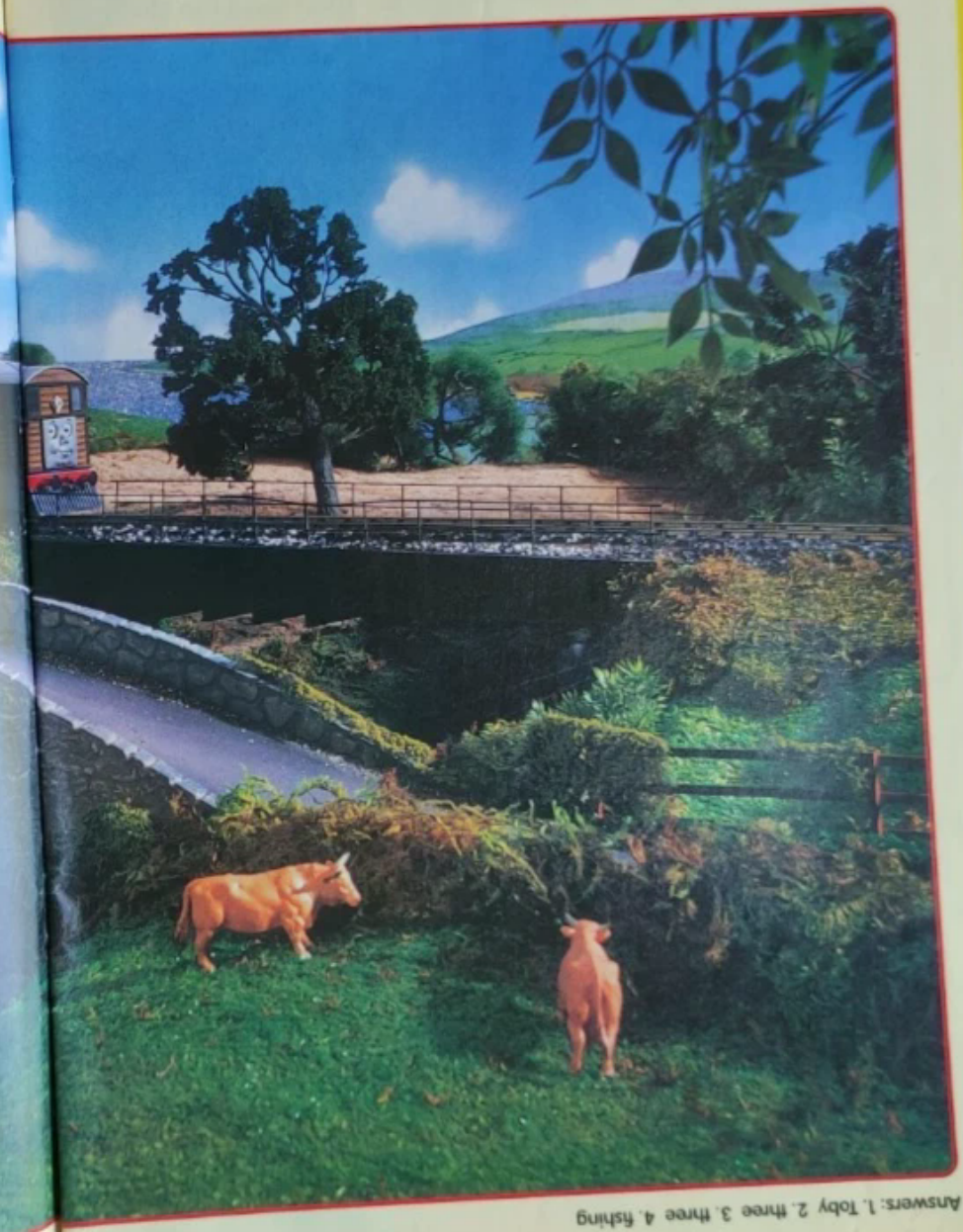
The End

Look and See!

1. Which engine can you see?
2. How many cows can you spot?
3. How many men can you see?
4. What are they doing?



A peaceful ride through the country but what can you see?



Answers: 1. Toby 2. three 3. three 4. fishing

rebus story

The Lollipop Lady

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

Henry

Thomas

footbridge

lollipop

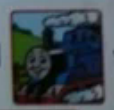
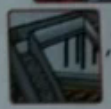
jelly baby

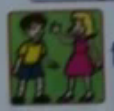
road

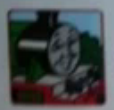
children

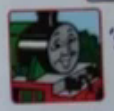
ticket

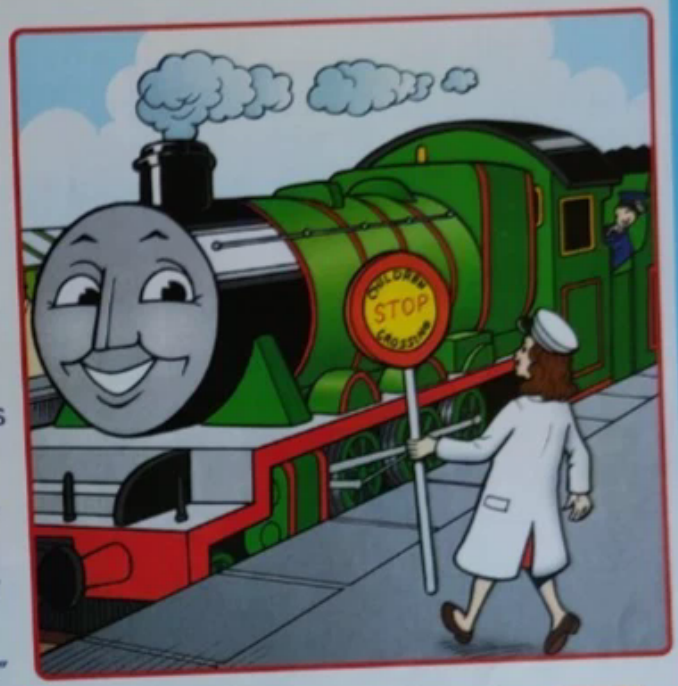
gingerbread man

One morning, and  were at a village station. "Look at that woman crossing the  ," puffed . "It looks like she's carrying a giant !"

A group of  followed the woman onto the platform. "It's Miss Ridley, the lady!" chuckled 's driver.

Miss Ridley was about to board the train when  piped up,

"Have you bought a for that giant ?"  's driver chuckled again. "It's not a real , it's a safety sign!" "That's right,"



said Miss Ridley. "I hold this sign up to stop the traffic, then the can cross the safely!" frowned, "Well this is a railway, and a giant won't stop a steam engine!" Just then, one of the held something up in his hand, "Would you like a , Miss Ridley?" he said. The lady smiled, "That's very kind, young !" Then she counted the , "Now we're all here apart from the teacher" she said. grinned at last, " ladies, a — now don't tell me, the teacher is a !"

The End

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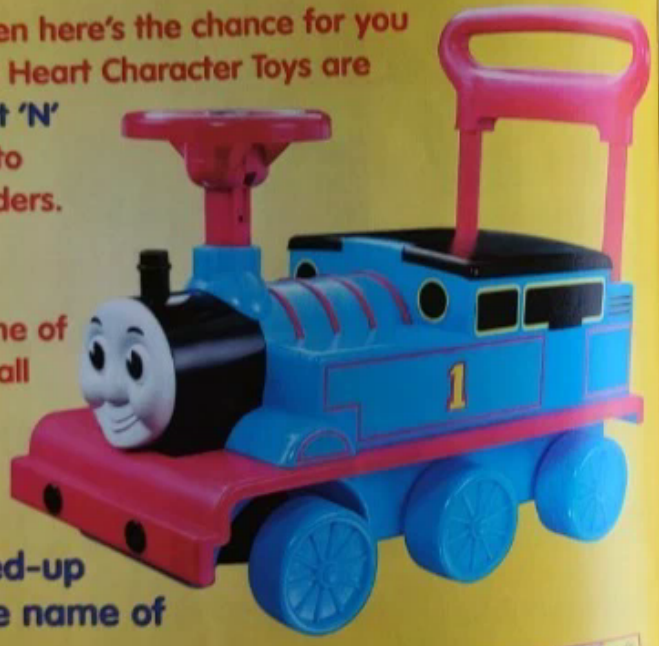

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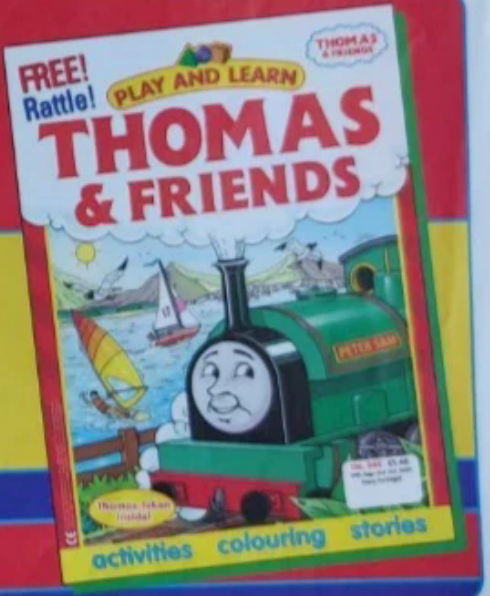

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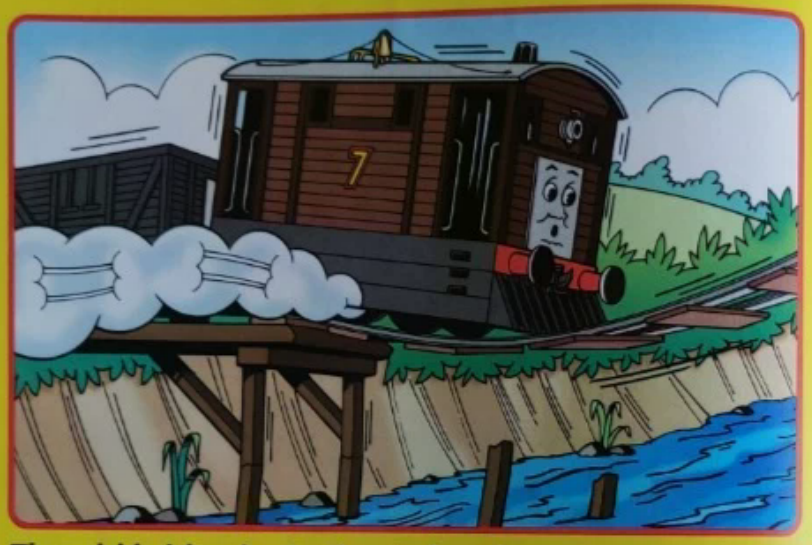

The old bridge is starting to break.

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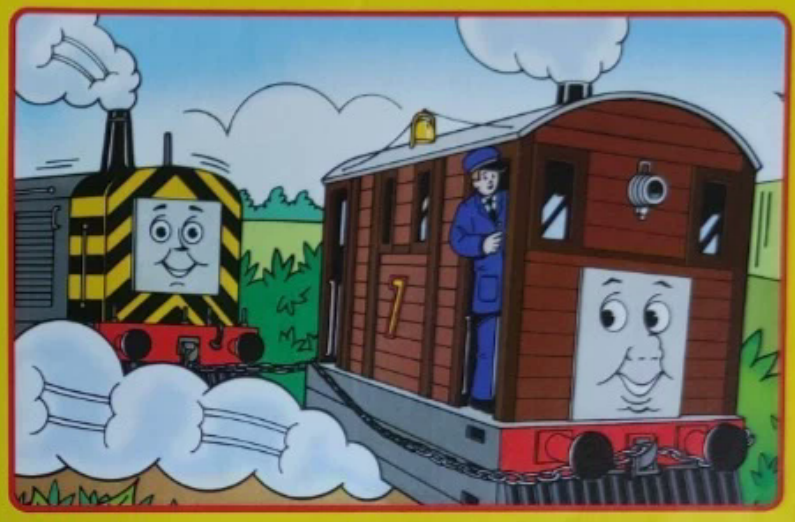


Mavis has come to pull Toby to safety.

3

Those naughty trucks are shunting poor Toby.

4

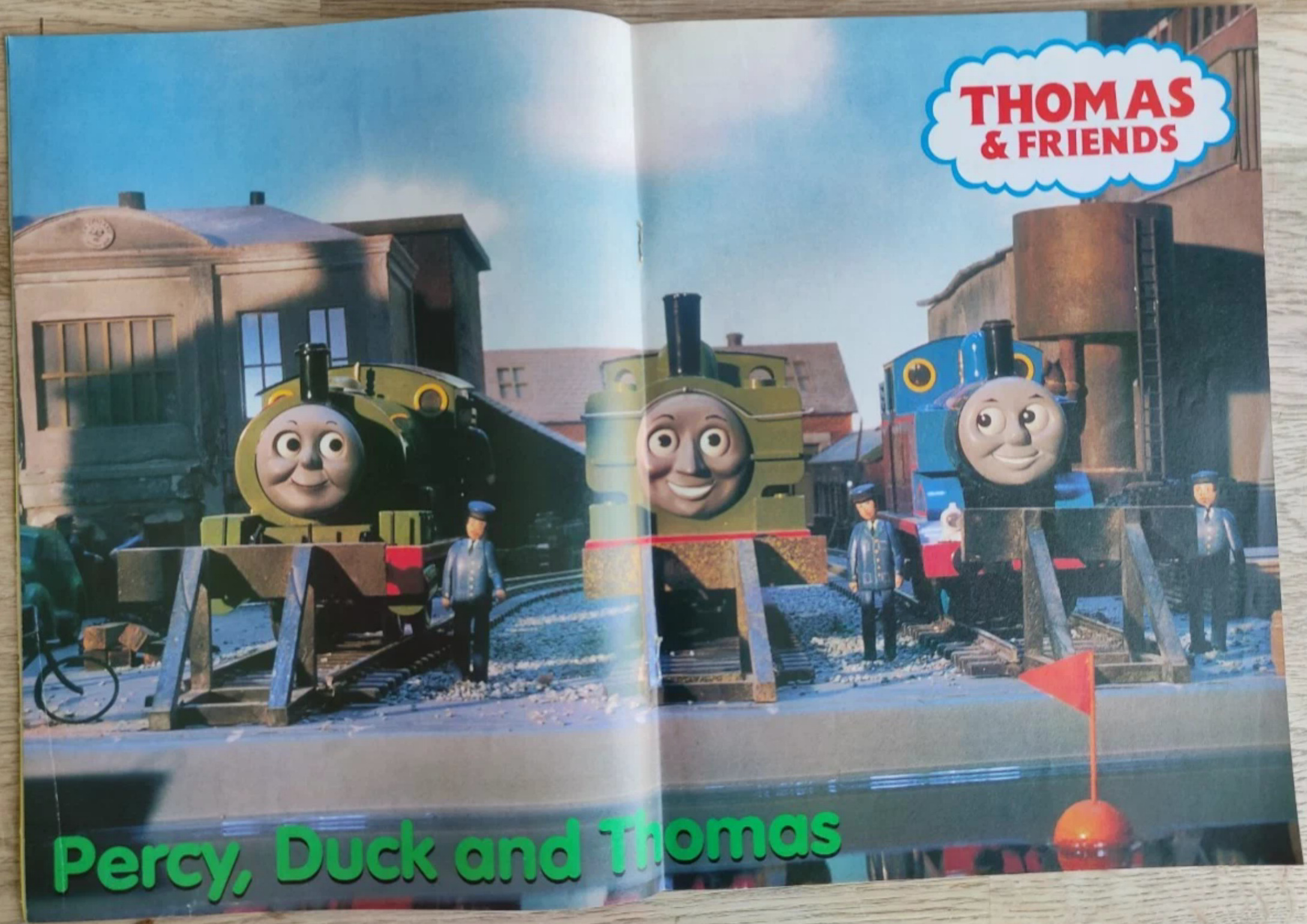
The trucks are pushing Toby towards an old bridge.

Who came to rescue Toby?

The right order is ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Answer: 3, 4, 1, 2

Answer: Mavis.


THOMAS
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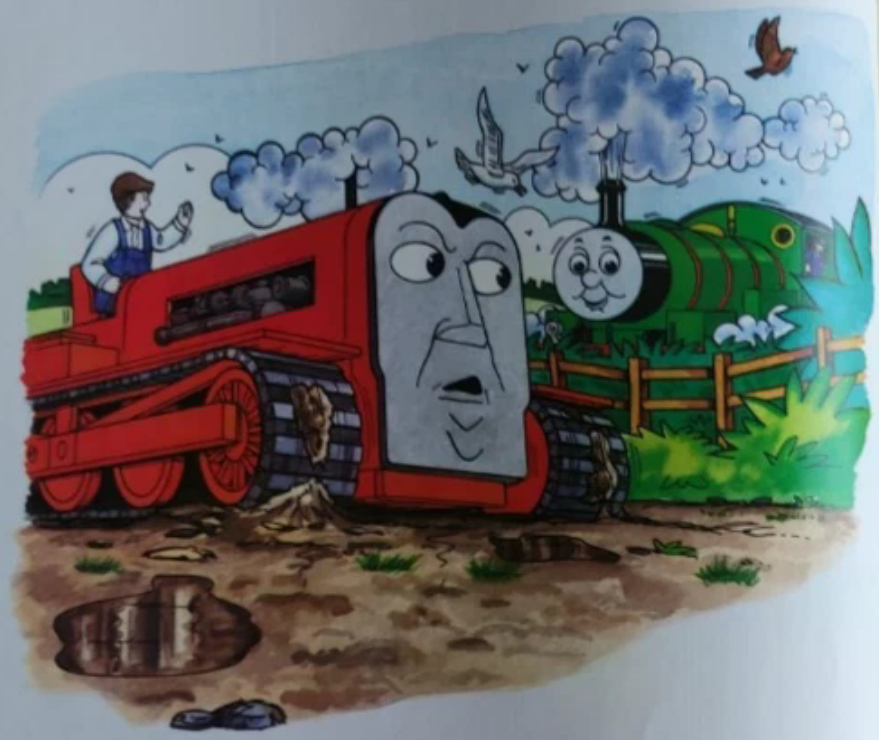
Percy, Duck and Thomas

Thomas' rhyme time

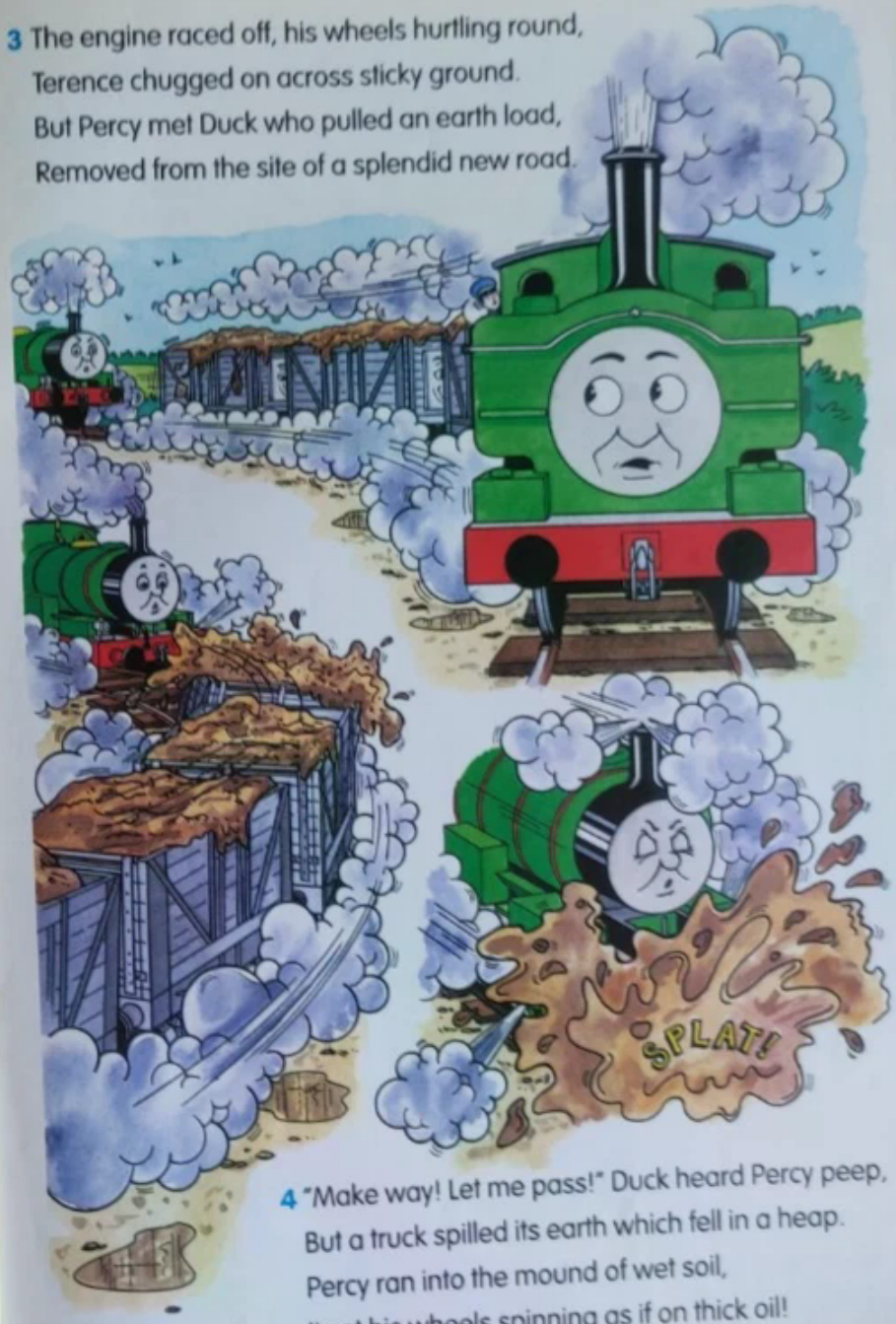
Slip or Grip!

1 Terence the Tractor was working away,
Ploughing the field would take him all day.
Along came Percy who called playfully,
"Hurry up, Terence. Go faster, like me!"

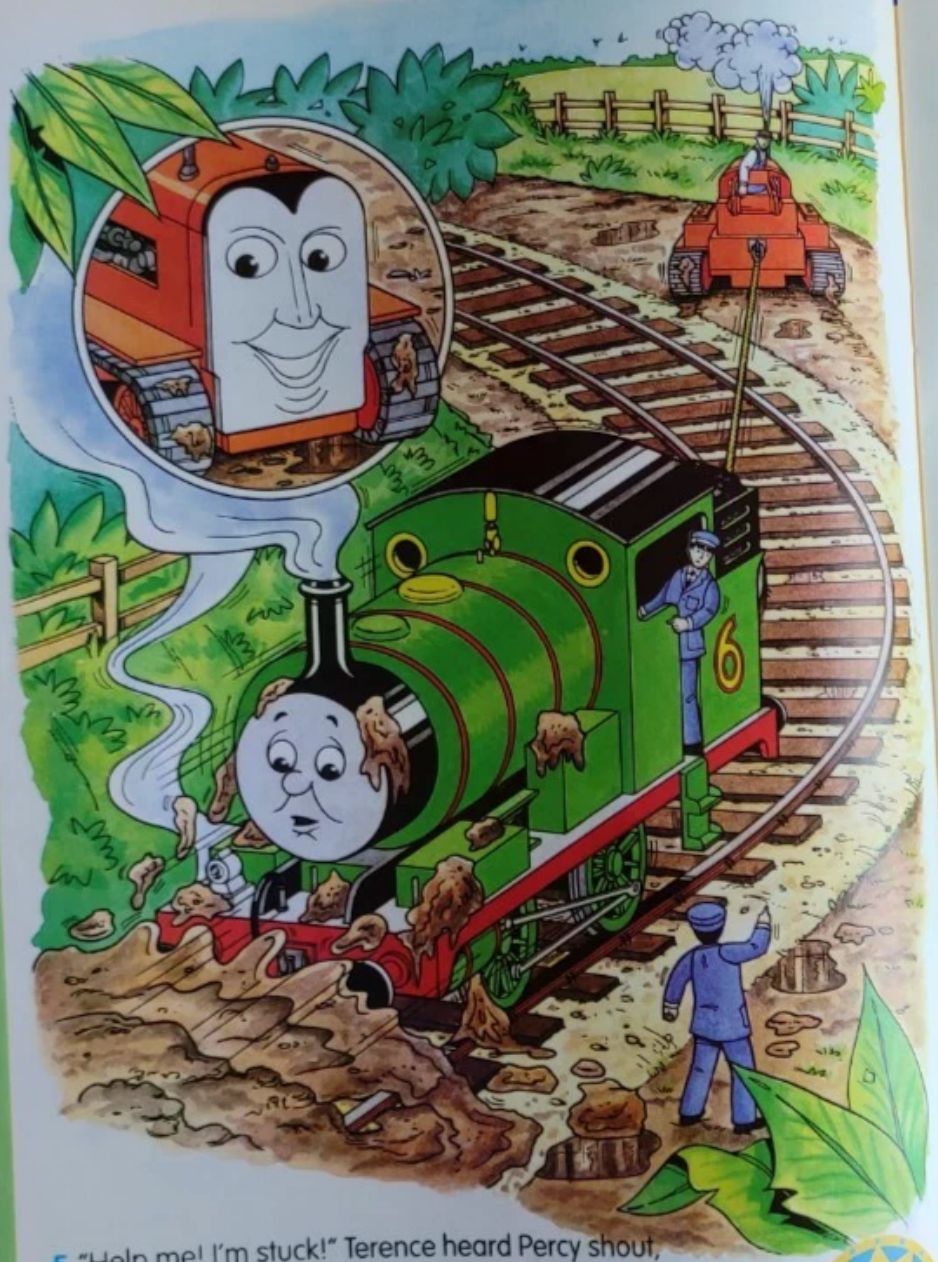


2 "My treads are slow but they give me good grip,"
Said Terence, "At least I know I won't slip.
This soil is lumpy, the rain's made it wet."
"Wheels," Percy teased, "are what you should get!"

3 The engine raced off, his wheels hurtling round,
Terence chugged on across sticky ground.
But Percy met Duck who pulled an earth load,
Removed from the site of a splendid new road.



4 "Make way! Let me pass!" Duck heard Percy peep,
But a truck spilled its earth which fell in a heap.
Percy ran into the mound of wet soil,
It set his wheels spinning as if on thick oil!



5 "Help me! I'm stuck!" Terence heard Percy shout,
He came to the rescue and soon pulled him out.
"I won't tease again," smiled Percy. "Thank you!
Just then I had need of some tractor treads too!"

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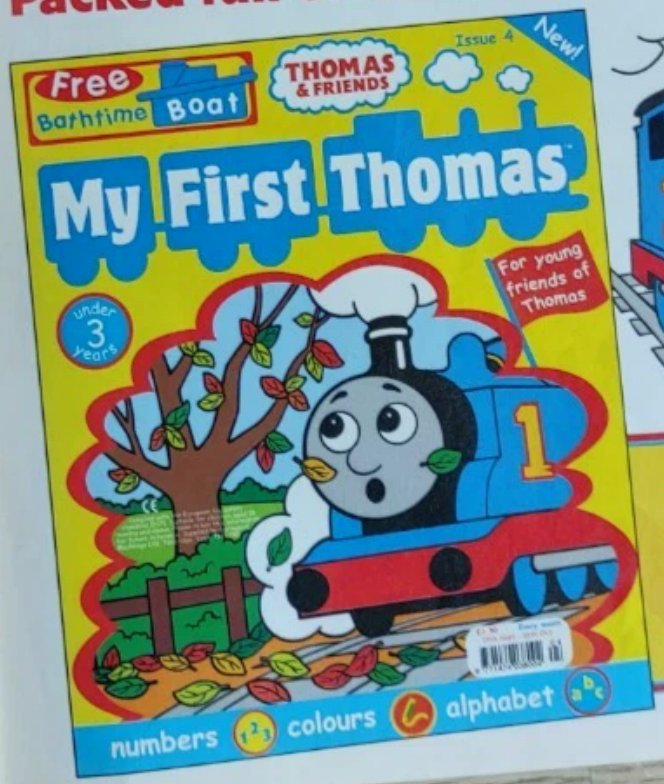

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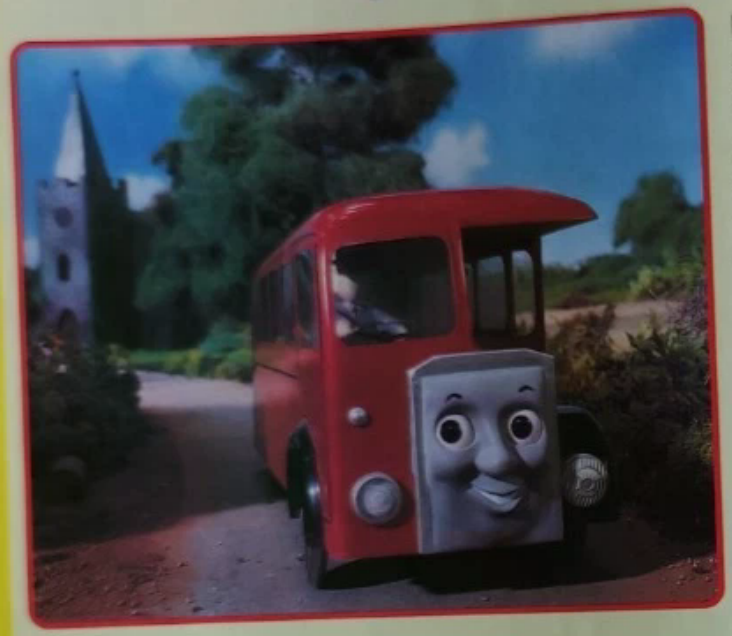
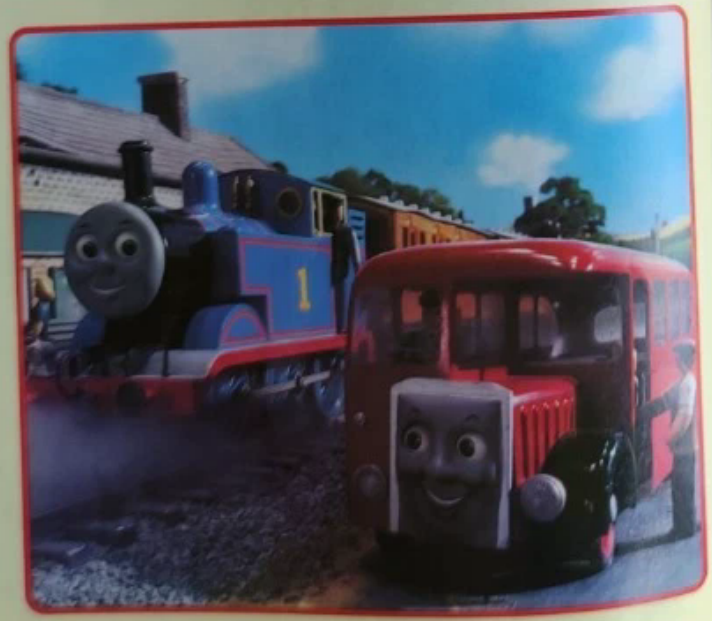
A day in the life of Bertie



Bertie, the single decker bus, has proved time and time again that sometimes, roads are just as useful as rails!

Berite has a great deal in common with Thomas. Ever since their Great Race to determine which is best, road or rail, they have been the firmest of friends.



With his friendly grin and his 'eager-to-help' personality, Bertie is the perfect bus buddy for any of the Island's engines!

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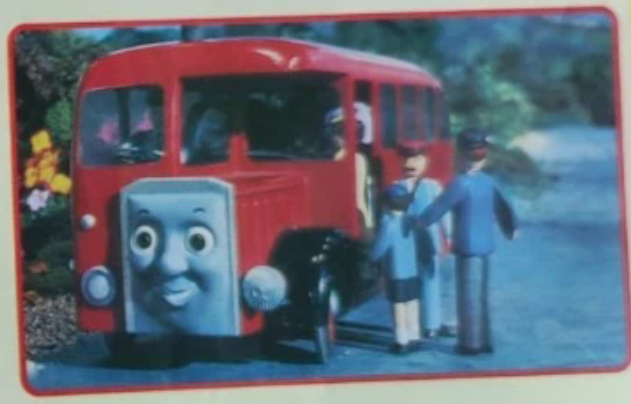

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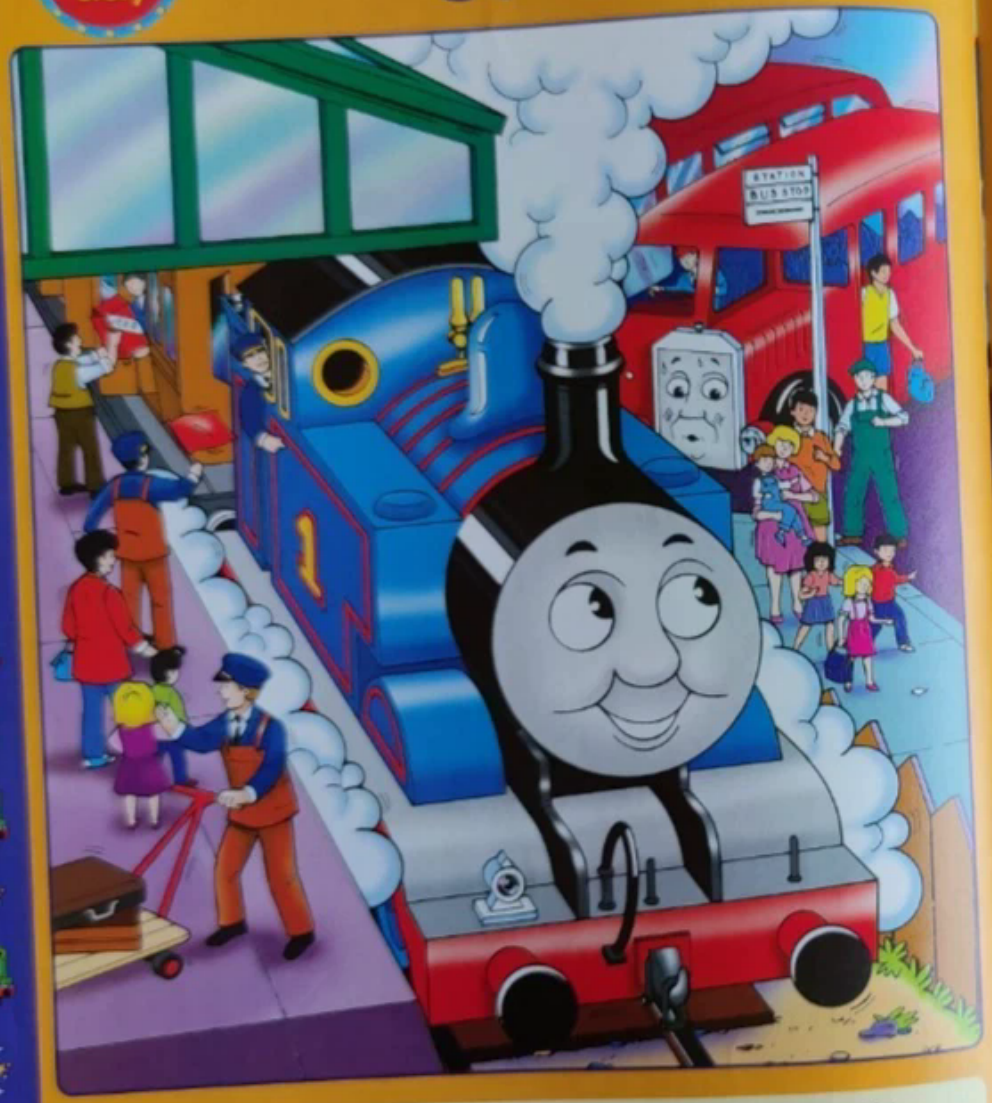
Bulgy's Back!



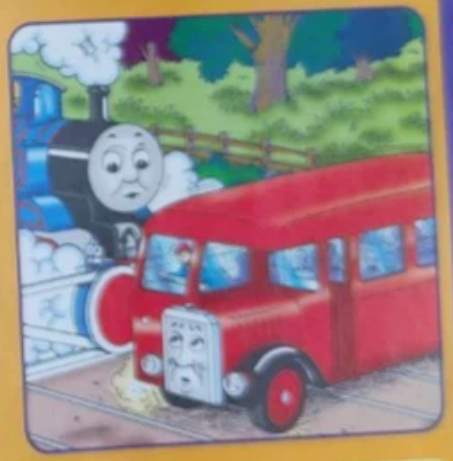
1. Bertie had never been busier. He carried more and more people to and from the railway stations. "Standing room only!" he called to people waiting at a bus stop.

2. Shortly, Bertie delivered his passengers to the Main Station, where Thomas was waiting to take them. "Phew! I'm rushed off my wheels, Thomas," he gasped.

3. "So am I!" replied the little tank engine. "Everyone wants to go visiting. It must be this spell of fine weather. The Fat Controller has had to lay on extra trains!"

4. "At least there are plenty of engines to help you. I don't have anyone to ease my workload," said Bertie. On his journey, Thomas saw bad-tempered Bulgy.

5. "He's been a hen-house ever since he ran into a low bridge and got stuck," thought Thomas. "A big bus like Bulgy could really solve Bertie's problems."



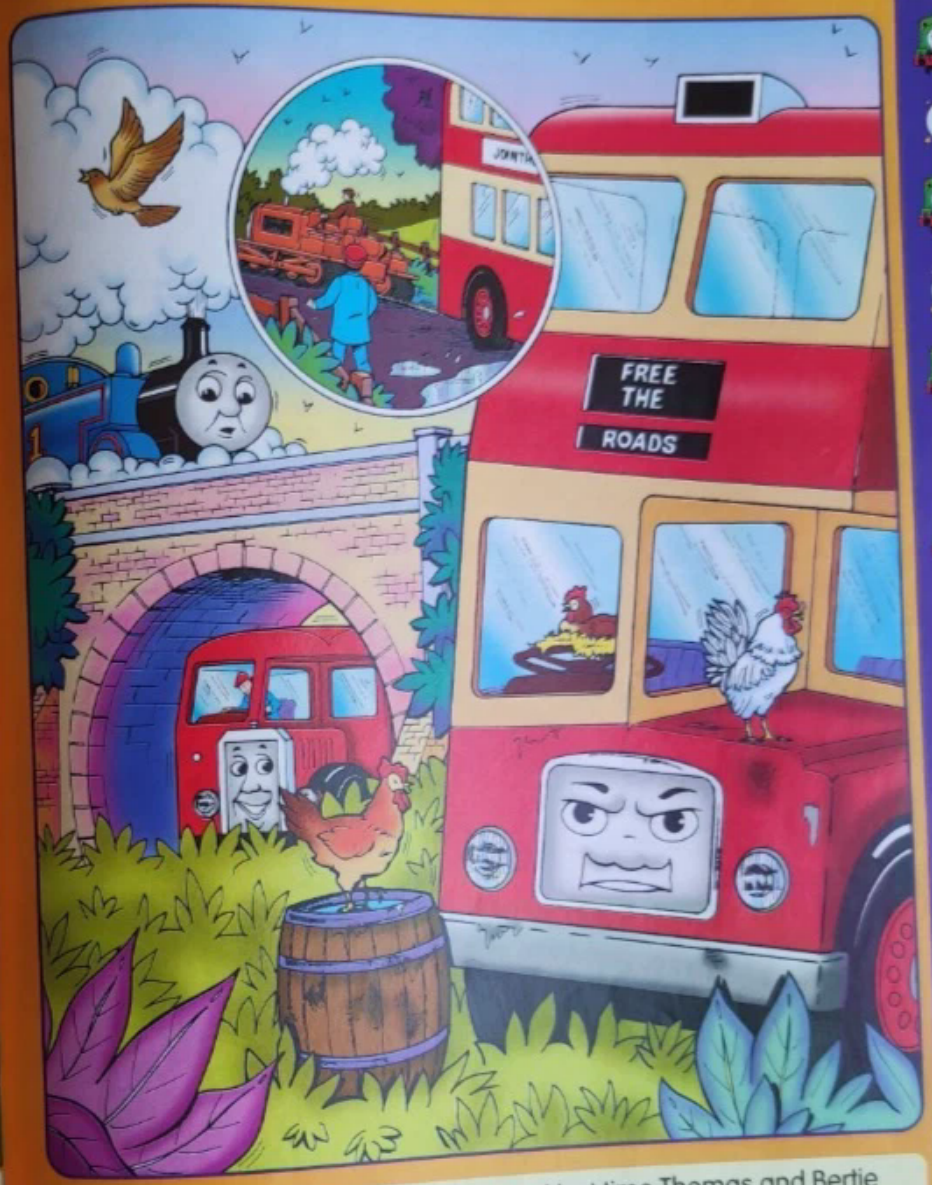
6. Later, Thomas saw Bertie again. The bus looked hot and tired. "My motor will overheat at this rate," he sighed. "Let's ask if we can bring back Bulgy," called Thomas.

7. It was arranged between the bus depot boss and The Fat Controller. Thomas carried Bulgy to the Works on a flat truck to be repainted and repaired.

8. Bulgy was pleased to be back in service. "Being full of passengers, instead of hens, is more like it!" he grinned. At first, Bulgy behaved well and so Bertie was delighted.

9. But, before long, Bulgy was up to his old tricks. He boasted he was faster than a train and took his passengers on a short-cut down a lane and over a ford.

10. By now, the weather had begun to change and it had rained heavily. As Bulgy raced through the water, his engine spluttered and then just stopped!



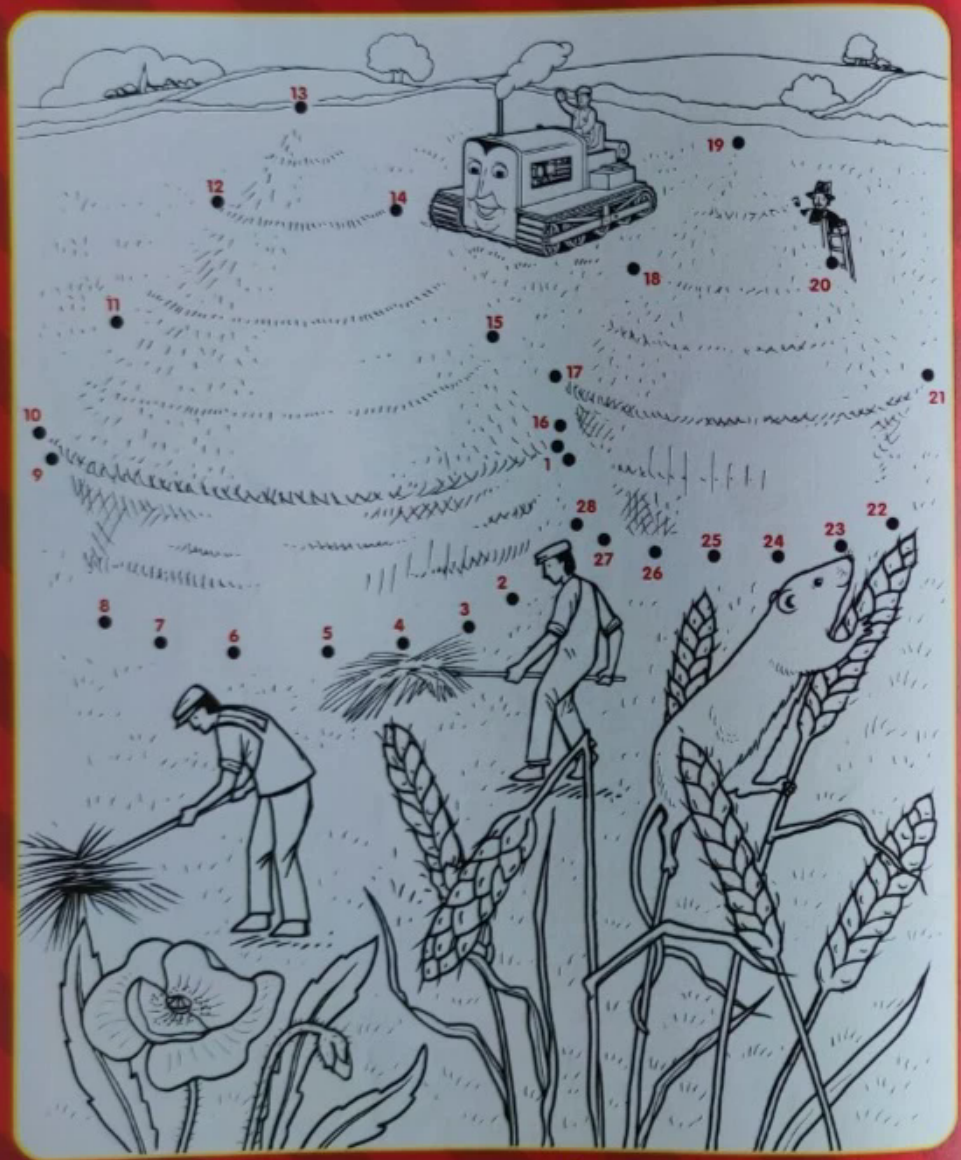
11. All his passengers were stuck until Terence the Tractor arrived to pull Bulgy clear. They travelled on in Bertie instead. Bulgy was towed away to be a hen-house again.

12. Next time Thomas and Bertie met was by Bulgy's field. "Business is back to normal," called Bertie. "And for me, worst luck!" grumbled Bulgy.

The End

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to complete this picture.



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OH! THIS MUST BE THE DOORBELL.

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RUMBLE

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WHOOSHH

SLAM!

WHOOAH!!

IT'S MORE FUN TO EAT BREAKFAST THAN TO BE IT!!

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YEAH..

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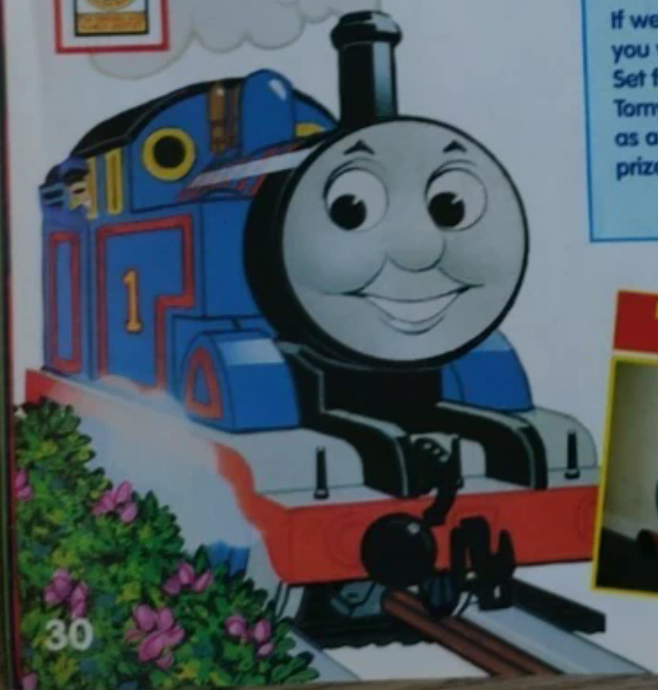

Patrick Love, aged 4.

Alexander Carman, aged 3.

It's Thomas and Bertie, by David Laws, aged 4.

A splendid picture of The Fat Controller, by Ronan Horgan, aged 6.

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ERTL Racing Champions

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To

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Sam Prior, aged 5,
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Jacob Meehan, aged 2,
Luke Meehan, aged 4,
Niall Boyd, aged 3,
Sarah Lloyd, aged 5,
Alexander Jones, aged 4,
Alex Larkin, aged 3,
Harry Smith, aged 4,
Adam Ruth, aged 5,
Myles Fisher, aged 3,
George Monkton, aged 3,
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